

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2146

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 21, 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 121
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Technology, to which
was referred S.C.R. No. 121, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A
TOURISM AND GAMING WORKING GROUP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a Tourism
and Gaming Working Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; Aloha Hālawā District Partners; Iron Workers
Stabilization Fund; Boyd Gaming; and one individual. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County
of Honolulu; HI Good Neighbor; Project Nehemiah Hawaii; Hawai'i
Friends of Civil Rights; Nation of Hawaii; and numerous
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the 'Aiea Community Association; Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic
Club; and two individuals.

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Your Committee finds that legalizing gaming activities could help the State generate a new source of tax revenue and spur economic growth. Your Committee further finds that the process for legalizing and regulating gaming activities should be informed by a comprehensive policy framework and be subject to stakeholder participation. This measure encourages a coordinated effort to evaluate legislation related to gaming and examine how gaming activities could help support the State's tourism and economic development efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the working group to research gaming experiences and programs of legalized gambling in other states;
- (2) Clarifying that the working group is requested to consider gaming legislation that has been considered by other states in addition to the Hawaii State Legislature;
- (3) Requesting the working group to examine the potential for gaming activities onboard vessels operated within the exclusive economic zone;
- (4) Clarifying that the comprehensive tourism gaming policy framework should address certain costs associated with gaming;
- (5) Changing the composition of the working group;
- (6) Amending the list of recipients of certified copies of this measure; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu's testimony regarding the potential dangers of online gambling platforms.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Technology that is attached to



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this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 121, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 121, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Technology,



GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 121, SD1	Committee Referral: ECD	Date: 4/17/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ILAGAN, Greggor (C)	✓			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)	✓			
3. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
4. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann		✓		
6. TODD, Chris	✓			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				X
TOTAL (7)	5	1	-	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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